

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

NA-Cache Rich Dry Cropland_Socially Disadvantaged

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: NA-Cache Rich Dry Cropland_Socially Disadvantaged	Applicant:	
Final Ranking Score:	Address:	
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQIP Plan of Operations” result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other state level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Wildlife – Will the practices installed facilitate improvement in the habitat for sensitive, threatened, or endangered species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Weeds - Will the practices installed control all invasive species present on the offered acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Water Quality – Will practices be installed to improve the identified TMDL impairment adjacent to and/or located less than 1320 feet from a TMDL identified water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Grazing Lands - Will the practices installed result in the implementation of a prescribed grazing system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Pollinator Habitat – Will this application include development of food, cover, and/or nest sites for native pollinators in accordance with Utah Technical Guide Notice UT238?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other Local level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Integrated Pest Management (Answer YES to only one of the following 2-3.)	
2. Will this application implement an advanced IPM (595) plan to control local/county/state invasive/noxious pests and weeds? (plan must include maintaining records for scouting, alternative treatment methods, timing of application, least hazardous chemical use, etc.)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will this application implement a basic IPM (595) plan to control local/county/state invasive/noxious pests and weeds? (limited scouting, timing of application & following label required)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soils (Answer Yes to only one of the following 4-6)	
4. Does the applicant have a current soils test AND are they applying manure/fertilizers as not to exceed the recommendations of this test for all lands this application will service. (current year test on annual crop or within three years on perennial crops)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will the applicant implement basic nutrient (590) management in the contract (taking soil tests) and apply nutrients not to exceed recommendations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the applicant implement an advanced precision nutrient management (590) plan in the contract using tools such as variable rate applicators, NDVI, yield monitoring, and GPS guidance technology?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will practice(s) be applied to HEL soils?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Soil Health (Answer Yes to only one of the following 8-9)	
8. Will the applicant implement in the contract the No-Till/Strip Till (329) management practice?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Will the applicant implement in the contract the Mulch Till (345) reduced tillage management practice?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Will 1 or more of the following conservation practices be installed? (contour buffer strips (332), field border (386), filter strips (393), grassed waterway (412), or strip cropping(585))?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Will permanent vegetation (327 or 342) on terraces and diversions be installed to protect the structures and provide habitat for wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health Cover Crops (Answer Yes to only one of the following 12-13)	
12. Will there be a one species Cover crop (340) in the rotation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. Will there be at least a five species (minimum) Cover crop (340) in the rotation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Change in Soil Conditioning Index (Answer Yes to only one of the following 14-19.)	
14. Is the change from the Benchmark to the Projected Future SCI less than or equal to .08?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. Is the change from the Benchmark to the Projected Future SCI greater than .08 and less than or equal to .2?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. Is the change from the Benchmark to the Projected Future SCI greater than .2 and less than or equal to .4	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
17. Is the change from the Benchmark to the Projected Future SCI greater than .4 and less than or equal to .6?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
18. Is the change from the Benchmark to the Projected Future SCI greater than .6 and less than or equal to .8?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
19. Is the change from the Benchmark to the Projected Future SCI greater than .8?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Change in Soil Tillage Intensity Rating (STIR) (Answer yes to only one of the following 20-23.)	
20. The projected future STIR is less than or equal to 20.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
21. The projected future STIR is greater than 21 and less than or equal to 40.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
22. The projected future STIR is greater than 41 and less than or equal to 60.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
23. The projected STIR is greater than 60.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Contract Compliance (if applicable)	
24. Has the applicant had a Farm Bill Contract terminated for non-compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
25. Does the applicant have an active Farm Bill contract that is currently not on schedule, in non-compliance or practices in arrears?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: